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# Formation Flight of UAVs Swarms in an Obstacle-Filled Three-Dimensional Environment

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## **Abstract**

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This project uses Webots (<http://www.cyberbotics.com>), an open-source mobile robot simulation software developed by Cyberbotics Ltd.

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# 1 Introduction

Cooperation among different individuals in a group is often necessary to solve complex problems that are otherwise harder or impossible to complete for a singular individual. This concept is true in the field of robotics, where robotic swarms systems, which are systems composed of numerous small and limited robots (Oh et al. 2017), are a crucial area of study. Due to the early stage of development of this field, there are not many currently existing applications, however there exists many research projects to test the capabilities of swarm algorithms (Schranz et al. 2020). Despite the lack of representation in the industry sector, multi-robot systems have become of interest recently due to their abilities to resist failures and damages, adaptability to new environments and low costs (Oh et al. 2017).

A specific problem in swarm robotics, is the pattern formation problem, which consists of "getting a group of robots to form and stay in a specific formation, like a wedge or a chain, and maintaining that formation" (Sri and Suvarchala 2022). The robots in the swarm need to coordinate to maintain a specific shape in order to achieve the desired goal. In this process, different methods of controlling the swarm can be used, for example the election of a leader or the imposition of a certain set of behaviors for each member. There is also a distinction between centralized and decentralized pattern formation, where centralized pattern formation is performed when there exists a centralized unit that coordinates the individual robots (Oh et al. 2017).

Why is this good

Explain the aims of the project and the report

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